



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION)**  
**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

*(No. 0. 65 of 2023)*

**CONVOCATION OF SPECIAL SITTINGS OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY ON THURSDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023**

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**Honourable Members,**

1. I take this opportunity to welcome you to the Special Sittings of the House today, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023, convened pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 29 relating to the procedure for convening of Special Sittings of the House during recess.
2. **Hon. Members,** I wish to report to the House that on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023, I received a request from the Leader of the Majority Party asking me to convene Special Sittings of the National Assembly to consider certain urgent business.
3. **Honourable Members,** whereas I am conscious that you were still on your deserved recess break, I took cognizance of the urgency of the business so specified in the request by the Leader of the Majority Party. Accordingly, I acceded to the request to convene Special Sittings today, **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023** commencing at 10.00am for the Morning Sitting and at 2.30 p.m. in the case of the Afternoon Sitting.

4. Consequently, and in keeping with the requirements of Standing Order 29, I did communicate to Members and the public of the said Special Sittings of the House *vide* Kenya *Gazette Notice No. 12053 of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023*, and through the usual notifications in the dailies.
5. **In this regard, Honourable Members, the Special Sittings of the House this morning and afternoon are properly convened.**
6. **Honourable Members**, as specified in the said *Gazette*, the purpose of the Sittings is as follows —
  - (i) Conveyance of any urgent Messages from the President, the National Executive or the Senate;
  - (ii) Tabling of any Papers with statutory timelines including subsidiary legislation;
  - (iii) Tabling of and Notices of Special Motions on the —
    - (a) Report of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on the vetting of the nominee for appointment as the Director of Public Prosecutions;
    - (b) Joint Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the vetting of the nominee for appointment as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Kenya; and
    - (c) Report of the Select Committee on the National Government Constituencies Development Fund on the approval of the nominees for appointment to the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Board;

**(iv)** Tabling of and Notice of Motion on the Joint Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning and the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock on the *Memorandum by the National Treasury and Economic Planning on Action Plans to Revive and Commercialize State-Owned Sugar Companies*;

**(v)** Transaction of the following business —

(a) Consideration of Special Motions on the —

- i.) Report of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on the vetting of the nominee for appointment as the Director of Public Prosecutions;
- ii.) Joint Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the vetting of the nominee for appointment as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank;
- iii.) Report of the Select Committee on the National Government Constituencies Development Fund on the approval for appointment of the nominees to the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Board; and
- iv.) Consideration of Motion on Joint Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning and the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock on the *Memorandum by the National Treasury and Economic Planning on Action Plans to Revive and Commercialize State-Owned Sugar Companies*;

- (b) First Reading of the following Bills –
  - (i) The Digital Health Bill, 2023; and
  - (ii) The Social Health Insurance Bill, 2023.
- (c) First Reading of any other urgent Bill certified as urgent by the Honourable Speaker;
- (d) Consideration of Senate Amendments to the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 16 of 2023);
- (e) Voting on a Motion for the Second Reading of the Sugar Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 34 of 2022);
- (f) Consideration in the Committee of the Whole House and Third Reading of the Sugar Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 34 of 2022);
- (g) Consideration in the Committee of the Whole House of the Senate Amendments to the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 16 of 2023);  
and

**(vi)** Consideration of any other priority business certified as urgent by the Honourable Speaker. In this regard I have consented to a request by the Leader of the Majority Party to include The Privatization Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 22) 2023 for consideration in Second Reading and in Committee of the whole House today.

**7. Honourable Members,** business relating to the consideration of nominees for appointment to the offices of Director of Public Prosecutions; Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Kenya; and

members of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Board, respectively, will be considered during the afternoon sitting, following tabling of the relevant Committee reports and issuance of the Notices of Motion.

8. Having said that, **Honourable Members**, today's Sittings come barely a week after the conclusion of the *Africa Climate Change Summit, 2023*, which was held at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023. In this regard, I wish to thank Members of this House for actively participating in the Summit and the *Africa Climate Change Parliamentarians Dialogue* that was hosted in this Chamber on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 under the auspices of the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining.
9. **Honourable Members**, noting the unique role of Parliament in anchoring policy into law and domesticating international obligations, on one hand, and exercising oversight of their execution, on the other hand, I challenge relevant committees of this House to take up the Resolutions of the Africa Climate Change Summit with a view to pursuing their implementation.

**I thank you!**

  
**THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F. M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

